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Jurisdiction: Genesee County, MI



County Seat: Flint (pop. approx. 118,000)

County Pop.: 442,000 (2006 estimate)

5th largest county in Michigan

Municipalities: 11 cities, 17 townships, 3 villages

Detroit

Intersection of I-75 and I-69, one
hour drive northwest of
and east of Lansing.

OWI Crashes - Genesee County

■ 2006

- 604 Total OWI Crashes
- 27 Deaths
- 403 Injured Persons (all classes of injuries)

■ 5 Year Annual Average

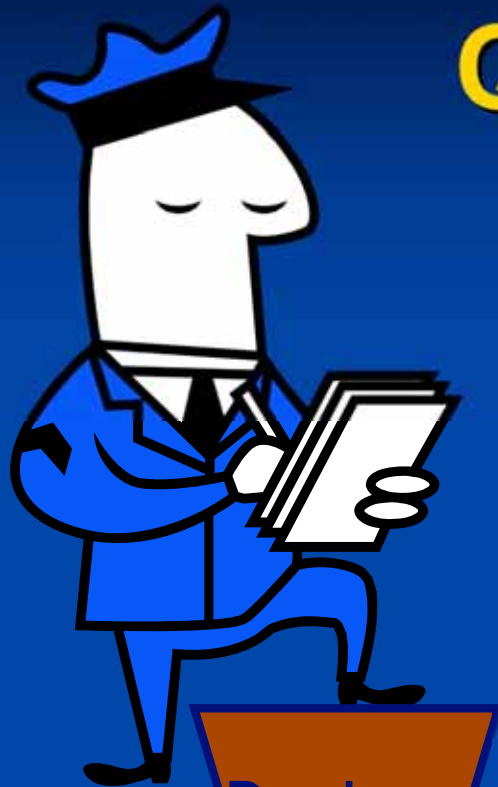
- 727 Total OWI Crashes
- 23 Deaths
- 473 Injured Persons (all classes of injuries)

Problematic Issues with Fatal and Serious Injury OWI Prosecutions

- Quality of Prosecution
is dependent on...

Quality of Police
Investigation

Quality of Police Investigations Vary from Department to Department



Davison
Police

Flushing
P.D.

Flint Twp.
Police



Swartz Creek
POLICE

Grand Blanc
Twp.



BURTON
Police



Problematic Issues with Fatal and Serious Injury OWI Prosecutions

- **Consequences of Imperfect Investigations**
 - Uncertainty at Charging Phase
 - Weakened Position at Pre-trial Stage
 - Precarious Position at Trial

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■ Office of Highway Safety Planning GRANT

■ Funds for:

- Equipment
- Training
- Overtime Wages

F.A.C.T. Grant EQUIPMENT

■ Total Stations (\$14,000 ea.)



F.A.C.T. Grant EQUIPMENT

- **Vista Pro Animation Software**
(\$4,000 ea.)

Animation at the click of a button



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- **Crash Data
Retrieval System
(\$3,000 ea.)**



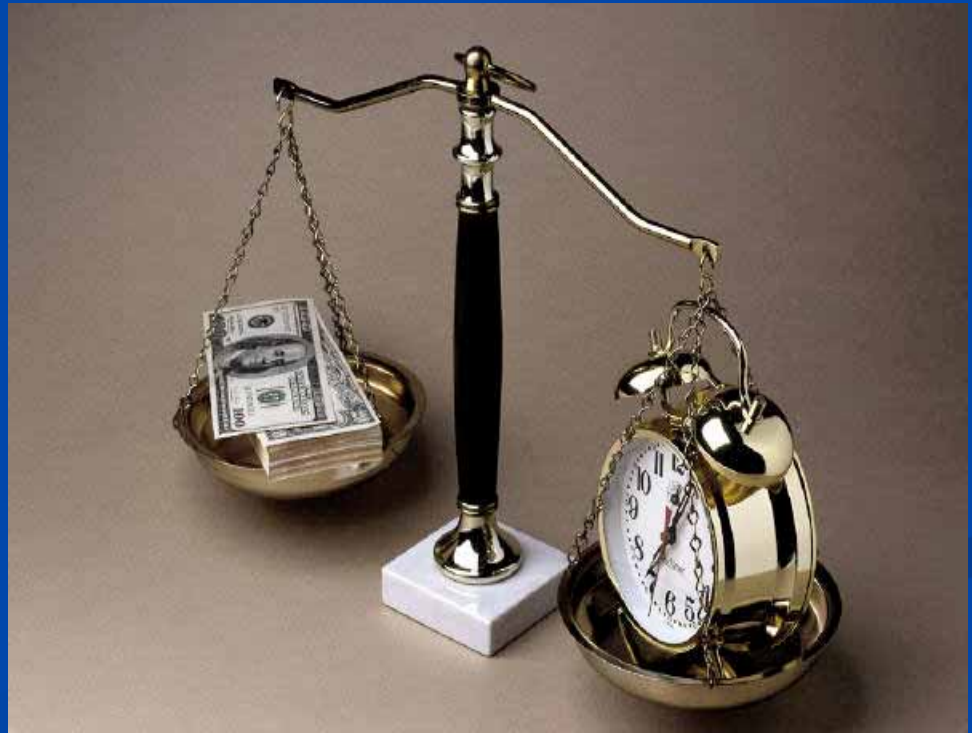
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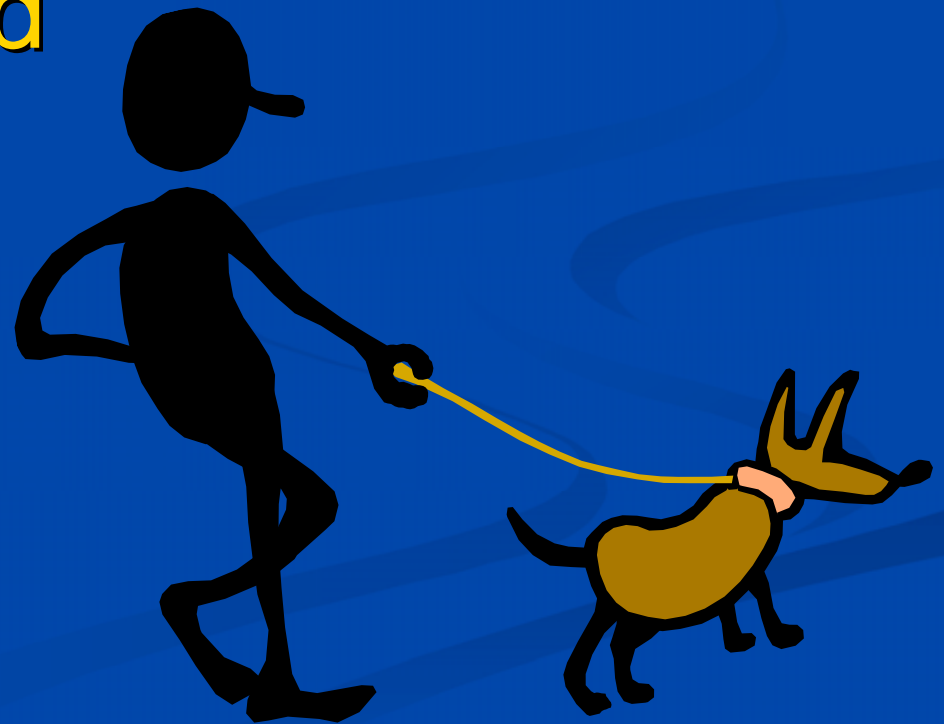
- Participating Agencies

- Multi-Agency Agreement



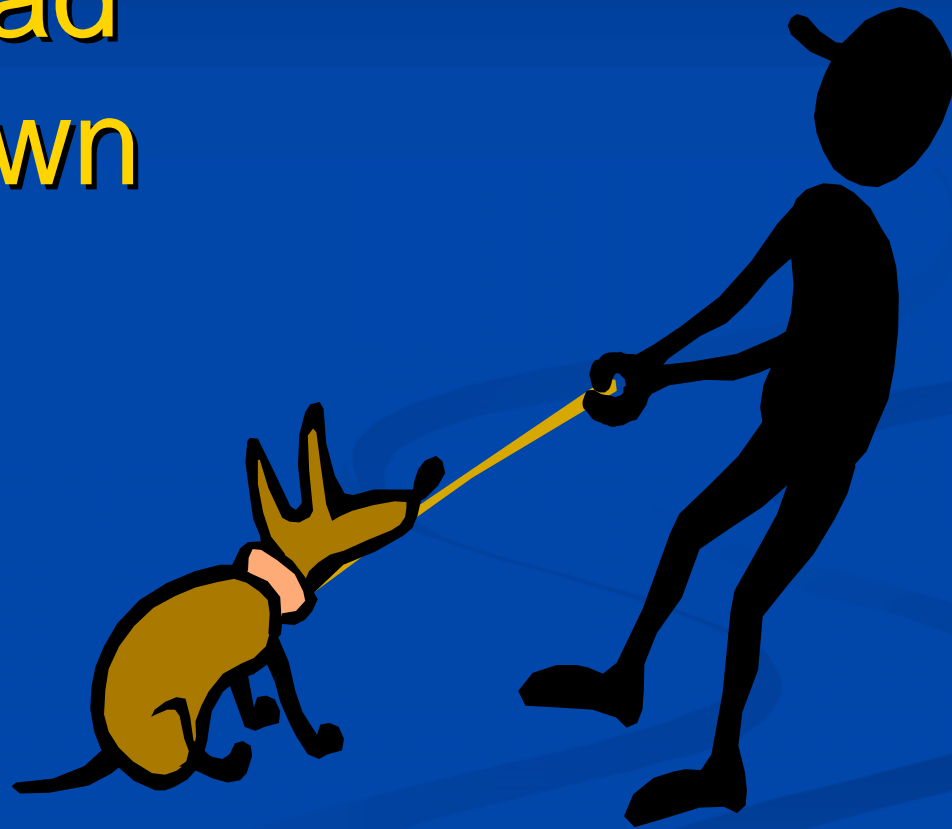
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- Some agencies jumped on board and even helped lead the way



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- Others had to be shown the way



FACT Team Structure



**Genesee County
Prosecutor**

2 A.P.A. 's



Team Commander



TEAM LEADER 1

TEAM LEADER 2

TEAM LEADER 3



**5 Scene
Investigators**



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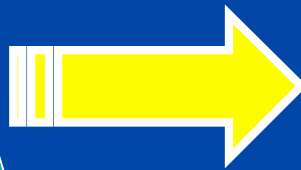
**5 Scene
Investigators**

How It Works...

■ Scene Investigation



How It Works...



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■ PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Press Conference Kick-off
- Website
- Brochures
- News Releases
- ABC TV12 News Special Report

